

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of a personal interview conducted September 13, 2007 on the subject-application. The independent claims were discussed with respect to USPAP 20010007815 (Phillipsson) and USP 6,297,737 (Irwin), the cited art. Applicants' attorney distinguished the cited references from the independent claims, as follows:

1. A second terminal or tag includes a processor notified of an interrogation signal by a detector.
2. The processor sets a short-range communication module in the tag into a page scanning mode.
3. A response signal by the tag to a first terminal or reader provides an indication that the short-range module in the tag is in a page scanning mode.
4. The reader responds to the response signal by activating a short-range module in the reader and initiating a shortened session by skipping the inquiry mode; transmitting a short-range paging signal directed to the tag and entering a page mode to establish a short-range connection with the tag.
5. The tag detects the paging and establishes an immediate connection between the reader and tag by skipping the inquiry mode.

The Examiner agreed that amending the independent claims to describe a "page mode" and "skipping the inquiry mode" for the reader and tag would overcome the cited art, subject, however, to an update search (not a new search). Applicants' attorney agreed with the Examiner's position on the patentability status of the independent claims. The interview was concluded and confirmed with an Interview Summary.

Amendment Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

The interview resolved current patentability issues with the independent claims of the subject application with respect to the cited art. This Supplemental Amendment implements the agreement reached at the interview with regard to the amendment of the independent claims and withdrawal of the rejection of the independent claims based on the cited art is requested.

CONCLUSION

This Supplemental Amendment is in accordance with the agreement reached at the interview and overcomes the rejection of the amended claims. Entry of the amendment for purposes of advancing the prosecution of the subject application is requested.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4047US1.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4047US1.

Respectfully submitted,

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